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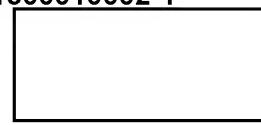
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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

Thailand-USSR

In briefing US officials on his recent visit to the USSR, Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak said that he found Premier Kosygin "very tough" during their talks. Kosygin did offer Thailand weapons on an open-ended basis, but Kriangsak said that his country would maintain relations with its Western arms suppliers; no agreements were concluded during Kriangsak's visit. The Thai leader was the last foreign official to confer with President Brezhnev before the Soviets put off the scheduled visit of French President Giscard. 25X1

USSR-China

The US Embassy in Moscow reports that Soviet and Chinese officials there have confided that the USSR--allegedly on 24 March--requested a further delay in holding the bilateral talks on a trade protocol for 1979. The Soviets have described their action as a postponement of the negotiations, and each side has cited the situation following the Chinese incursion into Vietnam as the motivating factor. The Embassy notes that another possible reason for Soviet reluctance to begin the trade talks could be Moscow's unwillingness to be involved in such negotiations should the Chinese denounce the Sino-Soviet friendship treaty of 1950; the year-in-advance deadline for declaring an intention to terminate the treaty is 11 April. 25X1

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Cuba-USSR

Soviet trade officials in Havana have indicated to the US Interests Section there that the USSR may curb its growing subsidization of the Cuban economy. The subsidy is likely to remain well in excess of \$2 billion this year despite the Soviets' claim to be holding the line on the price they will pay for Cuban sugar while raising the price of petroleum the USSR provides to Havana. The Interests Section believes the Soviets and Cubans will not agree until well into next year on the volume and terms of their trade and cooperation for the next five-year planning period, 1981-86. Since President Castro would want to have bloc support nailed down for that period, the Interests Section foresees a negative effect on the US-Cuban normalization process pending a Soviet-Cuban agreement for 1981-86.

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Jamaica

The US Embassy in Kingston reports that Prime Minister Manley, who is scheduled to begin an official visit to the USSR a week from today, is facing heated controversy at home over his relationship with Jamaican Communists, Cuba, and the USSR. The Embassy notes that genuine concern as well as opportunism, political maneuvering, and frustration over the island's continued economic stagnation account for much of the criticism.

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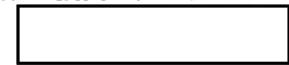
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Belgium

According to press reports, caretaker Prime Minister Vanden Boeynants indicated over the weekend that a Prime Minister - designate is likely to be named today by King Baudouin. The inconclusive general election in mid-December led to the current impasse, but at least five of the six parties in the governing coalition which collapsed last October reportedly are now prepared to end the deadlock. The most likely designee is Wilfried Martens, like Vanden Boeynants, a member of the Social Christian Party; Martens earlier this year failed in a month-long effort to form a government.

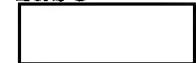
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USSR-France

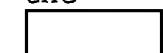
TASS today announced that the three-day visit to the USSR by French President Giscard--postponed last week at Soviet request--will begin on 26 April.

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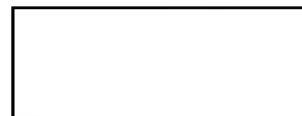


Pakistan

The US Embassy in Islamabad reports today that Pakistan publicly disclosed Saturday its bid for full membership in the nonaligned movement now that CENTO has been dissolved. Although Pakistan was accorded observer status at the nonaligned meeting last year in Belgrade, the Embassy notes that some in Islamabad expect the pro-Soviet regime in Afghanistan to interpose objections to full Pakistani membership in view of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.



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